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Honoring Vietnam Veterans At UK's Heroes Day Game

Commissioner Henry to Lead Recognition Saturday

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 7, 2014) – Heather French Henry, commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, will lead the recognition of Vietnam Veterans during the University of Kentucky football game this Saturday against ULM.

"Heroes Day at UK is the perfect occasion for us to recognize, honor and thank Vietnam Veterans during the 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration," Henry said. "I am grateful to the University of Kentucky football program for giving us time to recognize our Vietnam Veterans."

The commemorative recognition will take place during an early time-out in the game. Kickoff is scheduled for noon EDT, Oct. 11, at Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington.

Saturday is the 11th annual Heroes Day for Kentucky football. The day honors activeduty military, veterans, first-responders and others who have devoted their lives to service to this country.

The objectives of the 50^{th} Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration, which runs from 2013 to 2025, are:

- 1. To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war (POW), or listed as missing in action (MIA), for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans.
- 2. To highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces.
- 3. To pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.
- 4. To highlight the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War.
- 5. To recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War.

KDVA encourages communities, organizations and businesses throughout the Commonwealth to become Commemorative Partners, joining more than 120 other groups in pledging to recognize, thank and honor Vietnam Veterans throughout the Commemoration.

Find more information about the <u>Commemoration here</u>, and becoming a <u>Commemorative</u> Partner here.